

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:-

1. A printing fluid dispenser including:

an ink reservoir having an ink outlet;

means for applying pressure to said ink reservoir in order to force ink through the outlet; and

means for limiting the pressure of said ink forced through the outlet to a predetermined level.

2. A printing fluid dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the means for limiting pressure comprises a means for limiting applied pressure to said ink reservoir.

3. A printing fluid dispenser according to claim 2, wherein the ink reservoir comprises a deformable membrane.

4. A printing fluid dispenser according to claim 2, wherein the means for applying pressure comprises a handle.

5. A printing fluid dispenser according to claim 2, wherein the means for limiting applied pressure to said ink reservoir includes a resilient member having deformation characteristics selected to limit said pressure to a predetermined level.

6. A printing fluid dispenser according to claim 4, wherein the resilient member is located between the ink reservoir and the means for applying pressure to the ink reservoir.

7. A printing fluid dispenser according to claim 5, wherein the resilient member comprises a spring.

8. A printing fluid dispenser according to claim 6, wherein the reservoir and the spring are located within a portion of the handle.

9. A printing fluid dispenser according to claim 2, wherein in use the dispenser is coupled to an external reservoir and said ink forced through the outlet is delivered to said external reservoir.

10. A printing fluid dispenser according to claim 9, wherein said external reservoir is provided in a removable inkjet cartridge and the predetermined pressure level relates to the pressure required to rupture said external reservoir.

11. A printing fluid dispenser including:

a deformable container of printing fluid having an outlet;

a handle arranged to apply pressure to said container in order to force ink through the outlet;

and

a resilient member arranged to limit pressure applied to the deformable container by the handle in order to prevent rupture of an external reservoir coupled to said dispenser in use.

5 12. A printing fluid dispenser according to claim 8, wherein the deformable container comprises an membrane.

13. A printing fluid dispenser according to claim 9, wherein the resilient member comprises a spring.

10 14. A printing fluid dispenser according to claim 10, wherein the spring includes a platform arranged to abut the membrane.